

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 8, 11, 16, 17, 20, 26 and 27 as shown in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A communication partner device
which belongs to a communication system having at least two such
communication partner devices and
which is designed to communicate with another communication
partner device of the communication system over a first communication channel,
wherein one of the two communication partner devices contains a communication
enable information item which is used to enable communication between the one
communication partner device and the other communication partner device over
the first communication channel, and
which is designed to interact with an electrical circuit, which
circuit has circuit parts for forming communication means which are designed for
contactless communication with communication means of the other
communication partner device over a second communication channel and which,
in the event of communication over the second communication channel, are
designed to make available the communication enable information item, necessary
for enabling communication over the first communication channel, in the
communication partner device which prior to communication over the second
communication channel does not yet contain the communication enable
information item,
wherein the electrical circuit includes a plurality of interfaces
configured for communication over the first communication channel.

2. (previously presented) A communication partner device as claimed in
claim 1, wherein the communication means are designed to make available the
communication enable information item directly after the start of communication
over the second communication channel.

1 3. (previously presented) A communication partner device as claimed in
2 claim 2,
3 wherein the communication means are designed, in the event of
4 communication over the second communication channel, to communicate in
5 accordance with a communication protocol, and
6 wherein the communication means are designed to make available
7 the communication enable information item by using at least one of two activation
8 commands of the communication protocol, which activation commands can be
9 communicated between the two communication partner devices in accordance
10 with the communication protocol as first commands over the second
11 communication channel and are provided in order to activate communication in
12 compliance with the communication protocol.

1 4. (previously presented) A communication partner device as claimed in
2 claim 1,
3 wherein the communication means are designed to receive the
4 communication enable information item, contained in the other communication
5 partner device, over the second communication channel, and
6 wherein the circuit has a provision stage which is designed to
7 provide the communication enable information item, received by the
8 communication means, for enabling communication over the first communication
9 channel.

1 5. (previously presented) A communication partner device as claimed in
2 claim 1, wherein communication start means are provided which are designed to
3 interact with the communication means and are designed to use the
4 communication enable information item of the other communication partner
5 device, which can be made available, to start communication with the other
6 communication partner device over the first communication channel as soon as
7 the communication enable information item has been made available by the
8 communication means.

1 6. (previously presented) A communication partner device as claimed in
2 claim 1,
3 wherein the communication partner device has storage means
4 which are provided for storing the communication enable information item
5 contained therein, and
6 wherein the circuit has an interrogation stage which is designed to
7 interrogate the communication enable information item stored in the storage
8 means, and
9 wherein the communication means are designed to transmit the
10 communication enable information item, which can be interrogated, to the
11 communication means of the other communication partner device over the second
12 communication channel.

1 7. (currently amended) A communication partner device as claimed in claim
2 1, wherein the communication enable information item contains an interface type
3 information item which indicates the interfaces that are available in the
4 communication partner device for communication over the first communication
5 channel ~~signifies a type of interface that is available in the communication partner~~
6 ~~device containing the communication enable information item, which interface is~~
7 ~~designed for communication over the first communication channel.~~

1 8. (currently amended) A communication partner device as claimed in claim
2 7, wherein the communication enable information item contains, in addition to the
3 interface type information item, an interface preference information item which
4 signifies one of the interfaces ~~an interface~~ that is preferred in the communication
5 partner device containing the communication enable information item.

1 9. (previously presented) A communication partner device as claimed in
2 claim 1, wherein the communication enable information item contains an interface
3 designation information item which signifies an interface that is available in the
4 communication partner device containing the communication enable information
5 item, which interface is designed for communication over the first communication
6 channel.

1 10. (previously presented) A communication partner device as claimed in
2 claim 1, wherein the communication enable information item contains a
3 communication partner designation information item which signifies the
4 communication partner device that contains the communication enable
5 information item.

1 11. (currently amended) A circuit for a communication partner device, which
2 communication partner device belongs to a communication system having at least
3 two such communication partner devices and is designed to communicate with
4 another communication partner device the communication system over a first
5 communication channel, wherein one of the two communication partner devices
6 contains a communication enable information item which is used to enable
7 communication between the one communication partner device and the other
8 communication partner device over the first communication channel,
9 which circuit has circuit parts for forming communication means
10 which are designed for contactless communication with communication means of
11 the other communication partner device over a second communication channel
12 and which, in the event of communication over the second communication
13 channel, are designed to make available the communication enable information
14 item, necessary for enabling communication over the first communication
15 channel, in the communication partner device which prior to communication over
16 the second communication channel does not yet contain the communication
17 enable information item
18 wherein the circuit includes a plurality of interfaces configured for
19 communication over the first communication channel.

1 12. (previously presented) A circuit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the
2 communication means are designed to make available the communication enable
3 information item directly after the start of communication over the second
4 communication channel.

1 13. (previously presented) A circuit as claimed in claim 12,
2 wherein the communication means are designed, in the event of
3 communication over the second communication channel, to communicate in
4 accordance with a communication protocol, and
5 wherein the communication means are designed to make available
6 the communication enable information item by using at least one of two activation
7 commands of the communication protocol, which activation commands can be
8 communicated between the two communication partner devices in accordance
9 with the communication protocol as first commands over the second
10 communication channel and are provided in order to activate communication in
11 compliance with the communication protocol.

1 14. (previously presented) A circuit as claimed in claim 11,
2 wherein the communication means are designed to receive the
3 communication enable information item, contained in the other communication
4 partner device, over the second communication channel, and
5 wherein the circuit has a provision stage which is designed to
6 provide the communication enable information item, received by the
7 communication means, for enabling communication over the first communication
8 channel.

1 15. (previously presented) A circuit as claimed in claim 11,
2 wherein the circuit has an interrogation stage which is designed to
3 interrogate the communication enable information item contained in the
4 communication partner, and
5 wherein the communication means are designed to transmit the
6 communication enable information item, which can be interrogated, to the
7 communication means of the other communication partner device over the second
8 communication channel.

1 16. (currently amended) A circuit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the
2 communication enable information item contains an interface type information
3 item which indicates the interfaces that are available in the communication partner
4 device for communication over the first communication channel ~~signifies a type of~~
5 ~~interface that is available in the communication partner device containing the~~
6 ~~communication enable information item, which interface is designed for~~
7 ~~communication over the first communication channel.~~

1 17. (currently amended) A circuit as claimed in claim 16, wherein the
2 communication enable information item contains, in addition to the interface type
3 information item, an interface preference information item which signifies one of
4 the interfaces ~~an interface~~ that is preferred in the communication partner device
5 containing the communication enable information item.

1 18. (previously presented) A circuit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the
2 communication enable information item contains an interface designation
3 information item which signifies an interface that is available in the
4 communication partner device containing the communication enable information
5 item, which interface is designed for communication over the first communication
6 channel.

1 19. (previously presented) A circuit as claimed in claim 11, wherein the
2 communication enable information item contains a communication partner
3 designation information item which signifies the communication partner device
4 that contains the communication enable information item.

1 20. (currently amended) A communication enabling method for enabling
2 communication over a first communication channel between a communication
3 partner device which belongs to a communication system having at least two such
4 communication partner devices, and another communication partner device of the
5 communication system, wherein one of the two communication partner devices
6 contains a communication enable information item and

7 wherein the communication enable information item is used to
8 enable communication between the one communication partner device and the
9 other communication partner device over the first communication channel using
10 one of a plurality of interfaces of the one communication partner device
11 configured for communication over the first communication channel and

12 wherein contactless communication is effected over a second
13 communication channel using communication means of the one communication
14 partner device and using communication means of the other communication
15 partner device and

16 wherein, in the event of such communication over the second
17 communication channel, the communication enable information item, necessary
18 for enabling communication over the first communication channel, is made
19 available in the communication partner device which prior to communication over
20 the second communication channel does not yet contain the communication
21 enable information item.

1 21. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the
2 communication enable information item is made available directly after the start
3 of communication over the second communication channel.

1 22. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 21

2 wherein, in the event of communication over the second
3 communication channel, communication is effected in accordance with a
4 communication protocol, and

5 wherein the communication enable information item, is
6 communicated between the two communication partner devices in accordance
7 with the communication protocol over the second communication channel by

8 using at least one of two activation commands of the communication protocol,
9 which activation commands are transmitted as first commands of the
10 communication protocol in order to activate communication in compliance with
11 the communication protocol.

1 23. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 20,
2 wherein, with the aid of the communication means, the
3 communication enable information item is received over the second
4 communication channel and
5 wherein, with the aid of a provision stage which is designed to
6 provide the communication enable information item received by the
7 communication means, the communication enable information item for enabling
8 communication over the first communication channel is provided.

1 24. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein, with the
2 aid of communication start means which are designed to interact with the
3 communication means and are designed to use the communication enable
4 information item of the other communication partner device, which has been
5 provided, to start communication with the other communication partner device
6 over the first communication channel, communication with the other
7 communication partner device over the first communication channel using the
8 communication enable information item which has been made available is started
9 as soon as the communication enable information item has been made available by
10 the communication means.

1 25. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 20,
2 wherein, with the aid of an interrogation stage which is designed to
3 interrogate the communication enable information item stored in storage means of
4 the one communication partner device, the stored communication enable
5 information item is interrogated by the storage means and
6 wherein, with the aid of the communication means, the
7 communication enable information item, which has been interrogated by the

8 storage means, is transmitted to the communication means of the other
9 communication partner device over the second communication channel.

1 26. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the
2 communication enable information item contains an interface type information
3 item which indicates the interfaces that are available in the one communication
4 partner device for communication over the first communication channel ~~signifies a~~
5 ~~type of interface that is available in the communication partner device containing~~
6 ~~the communication enable information item, which interface is designed for~~
7 ~~communication over the first communication channel.~~

1 27. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the
2 communication enable information item contains, in addition to the interface type
3 information item, an interface preference information item which signifies one of
4 the interfaces ~~an interface~~ that is preferred in the communication partner device
5 containing the communication enable information item.

1 28. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the
2 communication enable information item contains an interface designation
3 information item which signifies an interface that is available in the
4 communication partner device containing the communication enable information
5 item, which interface is designed for communication over the first communication
6 channel.

1 29. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the
2 communication enable information item contains a communication partner
3 designation information item which signifies the communication partner device
4 that contains the communication enable information item.